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Sept. 2, and continuing one week. The matches will consist of the famous hundred trophy match, which in the past has been won by the United States Infantry team, the Ohio team, and is now held in New Jersey; the team match between the company team match (Yermo), the match for the team named Columbia, the National team of New Jersey for competition; the Cardine team match; the Veteran organization team match; the individual rapid fire match; the all-around match; the Hayes match; the Meany Jersey trophy match; the members' match; the consolation match; the open match; the consolation match; the Press match and the usual revolver matches.

## GREAT AUTO RUN.

Will be an Endurance Contest From Pekin to Paris.

That enterprising Paris newspaper, Le Matin, is conducting preparations for the most surprising auto race ever arranged. It is a ride from Pekin to Paris. It is not a race, but a kind of happy-go-lucky endurance run over 6,000 miles or the most varied route. The route starts from the great capital of China through Siberia and Russia into Europe, and so on to Paris.

This race will be run either by teams or individuals, and the method of entry is to postpone their lawn tea on account of cold, we thought we could go with Nashville in the southern states, and we pitched for White Horse against us, and he played me a shabby trick.

He came up on the seventh inning with two men on base and scored a run. Jackson, who had kicked on pitching because he claimed he couldn't pitch in his shirt, had come up a straight one and I made a square play. I found out afterward that Jackson had whiffed that bat out of the grand stand during the game, and put up the iron.

"Jackson was pretty lucky," added Tommy, seeing that a look of unbelief was on the eyes of the spectators. "He won't be up again, I think, and he'll be out with a lot of dust. I believe he bought a department store in Minneapolis, or a hotel, and he's got something that way, and so on."

"It was this way. He had prospected some before he got the job pitching for White Horse. Every Fourth of July we were the high men among the two-men team in the league because we had individual to play each other there that week. It was there that Jackson got the idea that he could make a millionnaire. He had a habit of spitting, and he'd spit and then cover them in dirt before pitching. One night after he had beat Juneau 4 to 2, and pitched a really good game, he was washing up in the shower, and he sees a streak of pay dirt on his hands. He washed the dirt out in the bottom of the pants and got \$26 worth of gold dust. He had a million-dollar idea, and kept washing his hands and panning out the gold. Then he took to riding the steamer side up in our league, for the grand stand, and the next day he'd wash his uniform. We noticed that he was getting extremely hot, but did not get his plan. He told me afterward of his baseball days sometimes assayed \$22.40 worth of gold dust after a game at White Horse. \$12 at Juneau, and \$8.40 at Fairbanks. He was carried with his money—and came home rich."

## STRIKES AT SUNDOD.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 27.—Bellingham has raised the insurance money to start the new Northwestern team and the franchise formerly held by the Indians. The team will be transferred to Bellingham, and the Indians will be disbanded.

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